

The Lion's Roar

Mumblings from across the desk in the den of the Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch



October 2019

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Presidents Report

Another month gone, and what a month its been for the club. Having not been a member for 12 months yet, every club event is new, and exciting to me.

Participating in the cruise, on the Saturday evening of the All Oz Car Show, highlighted how organised our All Oz committee is. This was further proven on the day of the show, where volunteers, including myself, were directed and instructed on our roles for the day. While it was a hectic day, everyone involved was still smiling at the end.

Thank you to all the organising committee and volunteers who made our clubs premium yearly event such a success! It would be great to have a few more volunteers next year.

From the hustle of the All Oz Car Show to the relaxing day of the Show and Shine made for a great contrast of events.

The day was very laid back and social, and the turn out was great, with a good mix of shiny cars on show. The day was hot, food was on the BBQ, and our 3 lovely judges were busy checking out the contestants.

The points have been tallied, and the winners are.....

Going to have to wait till the Xmas lunch, so make sure you RSVP Sarah with numbers by the 22nd November.

See ya all there!

Allan White



Bathurst Day

After packing camping chairs, drinks, both alcoholic and the other stuff, meat for the BBQ, and a grandson into the car we headed out to Don and Tania's house. We had accepted their kind invitation to HECC members to join them for the day to watch 'The Great Race'.

Upon arriving we were greeted by our hosts, and a Ford, which they quickly explain belongs to their good friends. They did warn us at the club meeting that some opposing supporters would be watching with us. We lost our grandson to the 'Bouncy Castle' on the back lawn, and since the race hadn't started I took the opportunity to have a play on that sucker, which at my age was quite short lived.

Don had cleared a large space in his barn and had set up 3 screens, chairs, leaners and bar stools, and the BBQ in the corner. This is a fantastic setup that many of us would be envious of. Grab a cold one and sit down to enjoy the banter while waiting for the start. As the racing gets underway we are treated to whitebait and various other snacks brought out by Tania and her lovely helpers.

As the race starts to get to the last hour the BBQ is fired up and we all enjoy a great meal to finish the day. Not the car result we wanted, but at least a Kiwi won.

A huge thank you to Don and Tania for your hospitality.

Allan

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Swap Meet

Once again, we picked the best day...weather-wise...to go to the annual VCC swap meet at McLeans Island. Saturday was a bit drizzly, so in my opinion Friday was the best day wandering around glancing through the trestle tables.

The four cars on display promoting our club gave a sampling of the Holdens' in the club.....1986 VK Berlina, 2001 WH Statesman, 2010 VE Commodore, and 2018 SS-V Redline.

We all come away with something we wanted.....Whare bought a Holden sign, Zha bought lollies at the Lollie-galore tent and I got some tomato plants :-)

The VCC organises and mans the weekend and this is reflective in the well-oiled operation, and the meet show cases many makes and models, which would otherwise be hidden away in sheds.

Unfortunately, HECC didn't get a prize for the One Make Car Club display, but congrats to the Southern Lotus Register for 1st place, Jowett Car Club for 2nd place, and the Morris Owners Club (S.I) for 3rd place. Maybe HECC's year will be 2020!

Sarah



Secretary words:

Your annual membership fees are now due, and if you have not paid your fees yet this could be the last newsletter and events notification you receive!

If you are currently a non-financial member, by the 30 November your membership will be on hold as the first three months of the financial year have ended.



All Oz Car Show - North Cruise

It's not like Sarah and I to be late but on this one occasion we were. After putting in some time to prep the A&P Showgrounds for the car show the next day, we were racing to get to the start point of the North Cruise in the New Brighton carpark on Hawke Street.

A message from Paul and Cherie warned us of built-up traffic down Marshlands Road heading to the Glen. This threatened to upset the North cruise set to start in about 20 minutes so some quick thinking was needed to re-route the thirty or so cars bound for Spitfire Square.

Instead of cruising down part of Marshlands Road we ended up turning right at Burwood Hospital and going around Prestons Road so that we could cut across Marshlands Road at the lights. From there we would go via Quaid's Road to Northwood to utilise part of last year's cruise. Alas, it was all in vain because by the time we got to Marshlands Road the Glen traffic had died down completely.

On the way, the line-up of cars in the rear view and wing mirrors looked very impressive as we rounded every bend. And with that distraction from time to time we had to coordinate the merge with Josh and the South Cruise at the Sawyers Arms Roundabout... that was an interesting task...slow down...speed up...slow down...where are they...dang there they go, already at the roundabout. Being tail end Charlie at previous cruises, this was the first time I had experienced meeting the other cruise...it was a sight to behold!

Once at Burgerfuel Spitfire Square we had a visit from the Police to ensure we are behaving ourselves (which we were). Unfortunately, our cruise sponsor had a loading mishap and pretty much missed the whole event. For us though it was a success ending with a well-deserved meal at Burgerfuel.

Fuds



All Oz Car Show - South Cruise

We arrived along the peaceful Heathcote riverbank with around 35 cars spread along Cashmere Road, far from ideal to have everyone so spread out due to not being allowed permission to use the Princess Margaret Hospital carpark. No big talk telling everyone the plan was made as time was running out to get on the road.

We exited and headed for Barrington Street with a few traffic lights breaking the cars up along the way. The Southern Motorway gave a great chance to stretch the horses legs before getting to Halswell Junction Road where a few more traffic lights broke up the cruise and I pulled over to gain back at least a lead pack. We charged on along pound road and headed out behind the airport.

Timing reports started coming in from the North Cruise who sounded closer to our merge point than me so it was decided to start speeding up. As I hit the roundabout there was no-one in sight... had I left my speed increase too late? We continued onto the next roundabout and headed toward Spitfire Square, as I turned I could see the North Cruise behind me, the merge had worked!!

As I arrived at Spitfire the great team from Burgerfuel had done their best to allocate carparks for the incoming cars, we quickly filled them up and I ran the carpark aisles trying to find any available park in the complex. Once we were almost all parked a few Police cars rolled through the car park with word quickly getting out of a large gathering at the carpark.

The team at Burgerfuel did a fantastic job to push through the meals in a short amount of time, always a fun and challenging run to create.

Josh



All Oz Car Show



The directive from the committee, was to be there between 7-8 on Sunday morning, so up we got, had a big breakfast and to the A and P Showgrounds we went.

Arriving at the grounds there was already a flurry of activity with vendors setting up, cars being parked and Sarah, with her clipboard, directing the proceedings. Once we had lined up the club cars it was into setting up the admin tents and safety taping off carparks and safety areas. Then the volunteers armed with what needed to be done split into their team like a well-oiled military machine.

Cherie and Julia in the tent, taking registrations ensuring all cars had a label and voting forms were available. Alan and his team were manning the gates and taking the money. Blind + Low Vision NZ (Formerly The Blind Foundation) were in full attendance with their dogs armed with buckets collecting donations. And then there was the team parking the display cars and the team directing the traffic into the car park.

For myself, I was lucky to be in the thick of helping park the display cars. I say lucky as it was awesome seeing such a cross section of amazing cars. However, there was serious pressure getting the right angle and distance between cars, the rows even and straight, letting Fords park next to Fords, Holdens next to Holdens and even learning that Hunters are actually made in Australia!

The weather was great, and the cars just kept coming in. All in all around 276 cars came through the gates, not to mention a Hummer and a couple of Skylines ... really?

When I got a chance, I checked out the stalls, grabbed some food and then back into it.

Later in the day we all gathered around for the prize giving and then it was time to close proceedings. Again, with the fantastic teamwork, the A and P showgrounds area was returned in a very short time to just a paddock of green. We all reflected on a very successful event, and then I went home and slept.

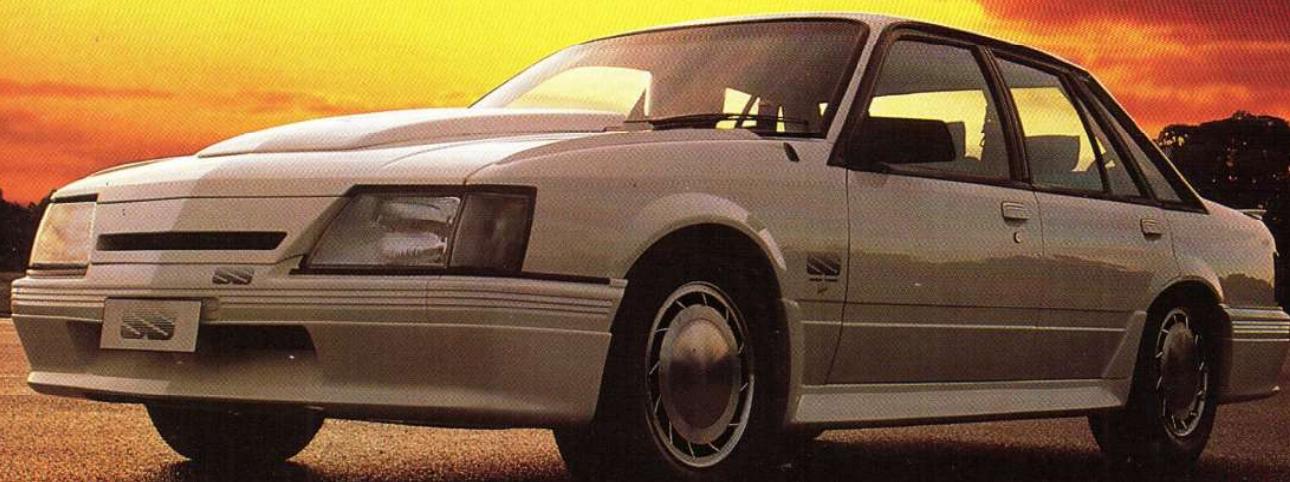


Special thank you must go to Sarah and team for what was a well-planned event, from a "new kid on the block" this event went seamlessly. Fantastic job everyone. This event is something the club can be proud of.

Alistair



Nought to naughty naughty in 6.9 sec's.



Body by Holden. Soul by Brock.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2019

3rd HECC Show & Shine
The Groynes 10:00am

5th HECC Meeting
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

December 2019

1st HECC Xmas Lunch & Awards.
Redwood Styx Room 12:00pm

3rd HECC Meeting (last for the year)
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

25th Merry Christmas!

January 2020

1st Happy New Year!

11th Pie and Pint Run.
Kumara

February 2020

4th HECC Meeting
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

29th Hanmer Motorfest
*Event run by Falcon Fairlane Car Club
Christchurch*

March 2020

3rd HECC Meeting
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

tbc Twin Rivers Motor Extravaganza
Event run by Avonhead Rotary Club

FOR SALE

Club Shirts \$62, Polo Shirts \$46, Club Stickers \$5,
Club Sashes \$20, Old "red and white" club shirts
\$15.

New Club Clothing Range:

Staple T \$35.00, Block T \$35.00, Womens Sketch T
\$35.00, Kids T \$30.00, Youth T \$30.00, Sweatshirt
\$60.00, Hoodie \$65.00

*For the new club clothing range, go into AS Colour, cnr
Lichfield & High Streets, Christchurch to check out the
colours and styles available.*

HECC Cups \$2.50 each, available in either red or
black ink.

Contact Sarah McKenzie



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